Heritage Conservation Committee

777. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several buildings that would be part of a conservation list drawn by the newly formed Heritage Conservation Committee under his Ministry;

(b) whether there has been a long pending demand from the conservationists in the capital to get most of the monuments under guidelines for conservation;

(c) whether the newly formed Heritage Conservation Committee has decided to confirm a list of the heritage buildings falling in the jurisdiction of MCD and NDMC;

(d) if so, by when Government are likely to declare the list;

(e) whether buildings which would be categorized in class II would be permitted some relaxation; and

(f) by when this is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a consequence of Supreme Court's directions in a public interest petition filed by Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), the Unified Building Bye-laws of Delhi were amended to include a chapter on conservation and preservation of heritage sites including heritage buildings, heritage precincts and natural feature areas.

(c) and (d) The Heritage Conservation Committee has approved the list of heritage buildings falling in the jurisdiction of NDMC and MCD. NDMC has already published its list on 08.06.2005.

(e) and (f) The scope for changes to be permitted in respect of buildings categorized in class II would be as stipulated in the Unified Building Bye-laws for Delhi *vide* notification dated 09.02.2004.